

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: PETER M. SIMONSON Confirmation no: 6218
Application No. 10/720,659 Examiner: Amareld Jr., Robert W.
Date Filed: November 24, 2003 Group: 3738
For: ARTIFICIAL FACET JOINT AND METHOD

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time, along with authorization to charge the required fee, accompanies this Response.

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